

**House File 2215 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the manner in which federal and state moneys  
2 are used for road and bridge construction projects.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 313.4, subsection 1, Code 2016, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. The commission, after consultation with  
4 the department of workforce development and stakeholders,  
5 including regional planning affiliations, metropolitan planning  
6 organizations, the Iowa state association of counties, and the  
7 Iowa league of cities, may periodically allocate road use tax  
8 fund moneys from the primary road fund for the establishment,  
9 construction, and maintenance of the secondary road system  
10 and municipal street system in counties and cities where the  
11 local average wage for a construction worker is lower than or  
12 equal to the statewide average wage for a construction worker  
13 in exchange for retaining all or a portion of federal aid road  
14 funds that would otherwise be allocated to those counties and  
15 cities.

16 Sec. 2. Section 313.4, Code 2016, is amended by adding the  
17 following new subsection:

18 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. a. Subject to the requirements of this  
19 chapter, and to the extent possible, the commission and the  
20 department, in consultation with the department of workforce  
21 development, shall prioritize the use of federal aid primary  
22 and urban road moneys in the fund for primary road and bridge  
23 construction projects in areas of the state where the local  
24 average wage for a construction worker is higher than the  
25 statewide average wage for a construction worker, and shall  
26 prioritize the use of road use tax fund moneys in the fund for  
27 primary road and bridge construction projects in areas of the  
28 state where the local average wage for a construction worker  
29 is lower than the statewide average wage for a construction  
30 worker.

31 b. This subsection shall not apply to federal aid primary  
32 and urban road moneys appropriated for a purpose inconsistent  
33 with this subsection.

34 c. A project that receives additional federal aid primary  
35 and urban road moneys from the fund pursuant to this subsection

1 shall have its allocation of road use tax fund moneys from the  
 2 fund reduced by the same amount, and a project that receives  
 3 additional road use tax fund moneys from the fund pursuant  
 4 to this subsection shall have its allocation of federal aid  
 5 primary and urban road moneys from the fund reduced by the same  
 6 amount, such that no project receives more or less moneys as  
 7 a result of this subsection. This paragraph "c" shall not  
 8 apply to the receipt of more or less moneys to account for the  
 9 difference in the cost of labor due to the addition or absence  
 10 of wage requirements imposed as a condition of receiving the  
 11 moneys used for the project.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
 14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill allows the state transportation commission  
 16 (STC), after consultation with the department of workforce  
 17 development (DWD) and stakeholders, including regional planning  
 18 affiliations, metropolitan planning organizations, the Iowa  
 19 state association of counties, and the Iowa league of cities,  
 20 to allocate moneys from the primary road fund (PRF) for the  
 21 establishment, construction, and maintenance of the secondary  
 22 road system and municipal street system in counties and cities  
 23 where the local average wage for a construction worker is lower  
 24 than or equal to the statewide average wage for a construction  
 25 worker in exchange for retaining all or a portion of federal  
 26 aid road funds that would otherwise be allocated to those  
 27 counties and cities.

28 In addition, the bill requires the STC and the department of  
 29 transportation, in consultation with the DWD, to prioritize the  
 30 use of federal aid primary and urban road moneys in the PRF for  
 31 primary road and bridge construction projects in areas of the  
 32 state where the local average wage for a construction worker  
 33 is higher than the statewide average wage for a construction  
 34 worker, and to prioritize the use of road use tax fund moneys  
 35 in the PRF for primary road and bridge construction projects

1 in areas of the state where the local average wage for a  
2 construction worker is lower than the statewide average wage  
3 for a construction worker.

4 The bill does not apply to federal aid primary and urban  
5 road moneys appropriated for a purpose inconsistent with the  
6 provisions of the bill.

7 The bill requires a project that receives additional federal  
8 aid primary and urban road moneys from the PRF to have its  
9 allocation of road use tax fund moneys from the PRF reduced by  
10 the same amount, and a project that receives additional road  
11 use tax fund moneys from the PRF to have its allocation of  
12 federal aid primary and urban road moneys from the PRF reduced  
13 by the same amount, such that no project receives more or  
14 less moneys as a result of the bill. This provision does not  
15 apply to the receipt of more or less moneys to account for the  
16 difference in the cost of labor due to the addition or absence  
17 of wage requirements imposed as a condition of receiving the  
18 moneys used for the project.